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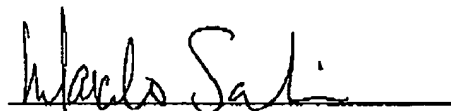
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated April 13, 2006 and due for response May 13, 2006, Applicant submits the following:

In reply to the restriction requirement of April 13, 2006, the Applicant elects Group I. The Applicant notes that all groups in the Office Action have been classified in Class 548. Applicant reserves the right to file further related applications addressing the subject matter of Groups II through VI inclusive.

If any questions arise, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's Agent, Marcelo K. Sarkis, collect at (905) 771-6414 at the Examiner's convenience.

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